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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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Supplemental Examiner's Amendment

1. A supplemental examiner's amendment to the record appears below. The instant amendment is necessary to correct the deficiency included in the claims 1, 11 and 44 that were indicated as allowable in previous office action(see paper no. 25, mailed 4/16/ 04). Thus, the instant amendment supercedes any office action previously issued. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Henschel, Rouget(Rich) on 09/20/2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

a. Please rewrite the claims 44 as following:

----- Claim ~~44~~³.(Amended) The method of claim ~~41~~¹,

- GU
- wherein J and K are taken together to form a 5 membered heterocyclic ring;
 - wherein X is oxygen and R₁ is not hydrogen;
 - wherein U is O-(C1-C4)-straight or branched alkyl or O-(C2-C4)-straight or branched alkenyl, C1-C6-straight or branched alkyl, or C2-C6-straight or branched alkenyl, C5-C7-cycloalkyl or (C5-C7)-cycloalkenyl substituted with (C1-C4)-straight or branched alkyl or (C2-C4)-straight or branched alkenyl, 2-indolyl, 3-indolyl, [(C1-C4)-alkyl or (C2-C4)-alkenyl] -Ar or Ar. --

b. Cancel claims 1 and 11.

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Conclusion

1. All pending claims 41-42, 44-45 and 49 are remained as allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is remained as SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vickie Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-0579. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Low be reached on 571-272-0953. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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